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Notes from the Director

Sharon Wendt

Holiday greetings to everyone! It's a busy time of the year, but we hope you find time to enjoy the holidays with family and friends.

There were several bills signed by the governor last week that relate to career and technical education. Here is a short synopsis of the legislation recently signed into law.

Career and Technical Education Incentive Grants

<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2013/related/acts/59>

2013 Wisconsin Act 59 establishes a grant program to promote career and technical education programs in school districts that operate high school grades. Under the act, the Department of Public Instruction (department) must annually confer with the Department of Workforce Development and the Wisconsin Technical College System to identify industries and occupations that face workforce shortages or shortages of adequately trained, entry-level workers. The act requires the department to approve industry-recognized certification programs that will address the workforce shortages in the identified industries and occupations. The act also requires the department to award grants of \$1,000 per pupil to school districts for each pupil in the school district who completes an approved, industry-recognized certification program and who graduates from a high school in the school district.

At this point no industry-recognized certification programs have been identified. DPI will be meeting with the Department of Workforce Development and the Wisconsin Technical College System to begin those conversations after the new year. We will share more information with you as it becomes available.

Increasing mathematics and science credits required for high school graduation

<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2013/related/acts/63.pdf>

Previously, a school board could not grant a high school diploma to any student unless the student had earned all of the following minimum credits in the high school grades: four credits of English; three credits of

social studies; two credits of mathematics; two credits of science; and one and one-half credits of physical education. 2013 Wisconsin Act 63 increases the required credits in mathematics and science to three. It requires a school board to count up to one credit of mathematics for a qualifying course in computer sciences. It also requires a school board to award up to one mathematics credit or one science credit for a career and technical education course if the school board determines that the course satisfies a mathematics requirement or a science requirement.

This act first applies to a high school diploma granted to a pupil in the 2016-17 school year.

The Department of Public Instruction will be developing guidance to assist districts in implementing this statute. The DPI Equivalent Graduation Policy, also known as the "equivalency process" continues to be proper and justifiable route to seek equivalent credit options for students. For more information about the equivalency process see:

http://cte.dpi.wi.gov/cte_equivalency

Local Youth Apprenticeship Grants

<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2013/related/proposals/sb336>

Previously, \$1,773,700 was appropriated to the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) in each of fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 for local youth apprenticeship grants to local partnerships consisting of one or more school districts, other public agencies, nonprofit organizations, individuals, and other persons for the implementation and coordination of local youth apprenticeship programs. This act increases the amounts appropriated to DWD for those grants by \$500,000 in each of fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15.

Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarship Program

<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2013/related/acts/60>

This act creates a Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarship Program under which the Higher Educational Aids Board awards scholarships to certain scholars, designated on the basis of level of proficiency in technical education subjects, who enroll, on a full-time basis, in a technical college district school. Under the Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarship Program, the number and amounts of scholarships awarded, the duration for which a scholarship may be awarded, the conditions for continued receipt of a scholarship, and the institutional match requirement are the same as under the Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship Program.

Happy New Year!

Sharon

Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources

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Over 200 Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources teachers attended the seven DPI/WAAE Fall Inservices. Thank you to all the hosts of these events.

http://ag.dpi.wi.gov/te_agriculture-food-and-natural-resources-fall-service-resources

62,299 members, guests and businesses attended this year's National FFA Convention in Louisville. Congratulations to all the Wisconsin FFA members who competed at the National FFA Convention in Louisville. Wisconsin Association of FFA is very proud of all our members accomplishments.

We are excited for the month of January in which Wisconsin Association of FFA has been selected to host our six new National FFA Officers for a week of training with FFA members and industry from all over the state. <http://www.wisconsinffa.org/>.

BM&IT Spring Updates

Business, Marketing and Information Technology:

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2014 will mark the fifth year of one-day, drive-in workshops held in six locations for business, marketing and information technology teachers around the state. Programming will focus this year on trending program initiatives with regional technical college partners, numerous state level content area updates, and a significant emphasis will be upon the continuation of staff professional development in association with the revised CTE standards. To register, or get more information, see <http://wbeaonline.org/> under Professional Development-Spring Updates.

Career Pathways

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CTE and Career Pathways have certainly received a lot of focus lately with legislation supporting academic and career planning, STEM grants for 2015-16, and the new Technical Education Incentive grants. We applaud this support and are here to support YOUR efforts at the district level.

STEM Grants

- Applications for these one-time awards to enhance STEM courses will be available after the first of the year.
- Criteria include innovative activities to enhance college and career readiness and/or close the achievement gap; collaboration with business/industry/community and/or higher education; and 25% matching funds availability.

The State Superintendent's Business Friends of Education nominations

- Award nomination applications are posted and due February 14, 2014. The applications can be found at: <http://cte.dpi.wi.gov/>
- Use this opportunity to recognize the valuable business partnerships you work so hard to develop and maintain! While we consider ALL business-education partnerships to be winners; those selected for special recognition will be chosen by mid-March and recognized at the annual Wisconsin Association for Career and Technical Education (WACTE) conference in Middleton, WI on April 11, 2014.
- Criteria for special recognition include: meeting local/regional workforce needs, improving educational experiences of students, strengthening the CTE program, and partnership innovation,

creativity and sustainability.

CTE Month

Planning for CTE Month is well underway! New resources, such as the State Proclamation, Public Service Announcement, Daily School Announcement messages, and more, are in development and will be posted to help you with YOUR CTE Month celebrations! Visit http://cte.dpi.wi.gov/cte_ctemonthresources often to ensure that you don't miss an opportunity to celebrate in February and ALL YEAR LONG!

Academic and Career Planning

- The ACP Project Team, comprised of representation from multiple DPI divisions and informed from external stakeholder input gathered in 2013, is actively working to plan and prepare for the final state roll-out in Fall 2017.

Sign up for timely information and check the web page often as information is added!

- The new ACP website is set to launch in January 2014! Watch for more information.
- ACP ListServ at http://dpi.wi.gov/subscribe_dpilistserv under "Other"

CTEC Fall Workshop

Download presentation materials from the Fall CTEC Workshop in Wisconsin Dells at http://cte.dpi.wi.gov/cte_workshopresources which included presentations on the revised CTE State Standards and Academic and Career Planning (ACP).

Timely information can always be found at our CTE Team Website to help you to continue to advocate for CTE programs! Stay connected through the following:

- Sign up for the CTE Listserv at http://dpi.wi.gov/subscribe_dpilistserv
- Sign up to receive the Wisconsin Career Pathways Blog at <http://dpiwisccpath.blogspot.com/>
- LIKE Wisconsin Career & Technical Education on FaceBook <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Wisconsin-Career-Technical-Education/446348712088347>
- PROMOTE CTE: ADD "Like Wisconsin CTE on Facebook" with Hyperlink in YOUR email signature line

Save the Date and Mark Your Calendars for DPI/CTE Workshops...

DPI Business Friends of Education Recognition Breakfast

In partnership with the Annual WACTE Conference
Marriott Madison West, Middleton
Friday April 11, 2014

CTE Advocacy, Data, and Accountability Workshop

American Family Insurance Training Facility, Madison
Thursday May 8, 2014

CTEERS

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Season's Greetings.

If you have not already done so, check your email to download 2013 Concentrator Completer Graduate Follow-up files which were sent out on November 21st. You have 30 days to download them. Remember that these files are due back to me on or before May 1st, 2014 and the holiday season is a perfect time to catch former students at home for responses to the follow-up survey.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Health Science

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Wisconsin HOPE (Health Science Occupations Educators) Conference will be held on Friday, February 28, 2014 at Wilderness Lodge in Wisconsin Dells. All Health Science teachers are invited to attend. Utilizing the Wisconsin Health Science Standards and Educator Effectiveness, particularly the writing of Student Learning Objectives, will be the focus. There will also be opportunities to share best practices. Advisors of HOSA: Future Health Professionals will meet at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 27. Registration information will be available in early January. Plans are underway for the Health Science Institute to continue this work during July.

HOSA: Future Health Professionals is the student organization for Health Science students and those interested in careers in healthcare. HOSA provides opportunities for interacting with healthcare professionals, getting involved with the community through service projects, and showcasing knowledge and skills through competitive events. This past year National HOSA formed a partnership with Project Lead the Way highlighting the connections with the Biomedical Science classes. For more information about HOSA: Future Health Professions, visit www.hosa.dpi.wi.gov.

Family and Consumer Sciences

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FCCLA Regional Competitions-Dates/Location

Events and Resources <http://fccla.dpi.wi.gov/>

Region 1-North-Feb. Feb. 24-Maple Northwestern

Region 1-South-Feb.20-UW-Stout

Region 2-Feb. 19-UW-Stout

Region 3-Feb. 3-Mosinee HS

Region 4-TBD-Green Bay

Region 5-Feb. 15-WTC-LaCrosse

Region 6-Feb. 12-Marshall HS

Region 7-Feb. 15-Watertown HS

FCCLA State Conference: March 31-April 2-Kalahari Resort

http://fccla.dpi.wi.gov/fccla_slc

June 2014

Professional Development-Science Equivalency/Food Science Workshop

WFCE Annual Conference-August 4-6, 2014-Grand Lodge-Wausau

August 4-Pre-Session-3 Tracks will be available

1. SLO (Student Learning Objectives)
2. Standards and Assessment-Apparel Design/Interior Design
3. FCS Standards 101

NEW CTE Communications in 2014

Starting in with the March newsletter communication, we will be sharing up-to-date information via a blog. If you currently receive this newsletter, you'll continue to be on our mailing list. The blog will be emailed to listservs and email addresses, too.

Spread the word about WICTE blog!

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